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State Senator, SD-031 (R)

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OH Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Ensures that babies who are born-alive after a failed abortion receive the same medical care as other babies, regardless of the circumstances of their birth.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB157 · 10/27/2021



2. Prohibits state and local governments from infringing our right to bear arms and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution during declared emergencies.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB185 · 10/20/2021



3. Prohibits public schools and universities from requiring vaccines that were authorized for emergency use by the FDA.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB244 · 06/28/2021



4. Gives power to the legislature to rescind health orders issued by the governor or the Ohio Department of Health.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB22 · 02/17/2021



5. Reduces regulation restrictions by 30% and eliminates bureaucratic red tape. Prohibits adding a new rule or regulation without also removing two.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB9 · 03/10/2022



6. Removes the requirement that you must possess a permit when carrying a concealable weapon or firearm.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB215 · 12/15/2021



Scorecard Votes: 100%



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\$295,579

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Abortion Survival

SB157 ensures that babies who are born-alive after a failed abortion receive the same medical care as other babies, regardless of the circumstances of their birth.

The Ohio State Senate passed SB157 on October 27, 2021 by a vote of 25 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the U.S. Constitution. Further, there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that would prevent states from passing well-constructed statutes or adopting amendments to their state constitutions that provide even greater and more specific protections for the right to life than those provided by the 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments.

2. Gun Rights

SB185 prohibits state and local governments from infringing our right to bear arms and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution during declared emergencies.

The Ohio State Senate passed SB185 on October 20, 2021 by a vote of 23 to 7. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because We have assigned the pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed in any situation.

3. Vaccine Mandate

HB244 prohibits public schools and universities from requiring vaccines that were authorized for emergency use by the FDA. This legislation also prohibits schools from discriminating against individuals who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Ohio State Senate passed HB244 on June 28, 2021 by a vote of 25 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because an individual's personal health care decisions should not be the object of government, nor be under its federal, state, or local jurisdictions in the United States. Forcing an individual to receive a vaccination or partake in any medical procedure would be a violation of their fundamental rights protected by the U.S. Constitution.

4. Health Order Oversight

SB22 gives power to the legislature to rescind health orders issued by the governor or the Ohio Department of Health.

The Ohio State Senate voted to override the Governor's veto of SB22 on February 17, 2021 and passed by a vote of 53 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because our founding fathers believed that checks and balances in government are essential to keeping our elected officials in check with the Constitution and to prevent any unconstitutional government overreach. Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, requires a limitation and separation of powers. Also, a non-elected bureaucratic local health board should not have the authority to shut down or regulate businesses.

5. Regulation Reduction

SB9 reduces regulation restrictions by 30% and eliminates bureaucratic red tape, which makes it easier for Ohio to conduct business and to live. Prohibits adding a new rule or regulation without removing two.

The Ohio State Senate passed SB9 on March 10, 2021 by a vote of 25 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation shrinks the size of government and eliminates government interference in business. Businesses and individual consumers have the freedom to conduct business and to buy products without the government meddling in their affairs. The Declaration of Independence states that "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are God given rights and government interference in entrepreneurship and private business is in violation of that belief.

6. Concealed Carry

SB215 removes the requirement that you must possess a permit when carrying a concealable weapon or firearm. This law ensures the right of a qualifying adult to carry a concealed handgun in the same manner as if the person was a licensee.

The Ohio State Senate passed SB215 on December 15, 2021 by a vote of 23 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. The Constitution does not limit where a gun or firearm can or cannot be used.